



Did You Know...

1. NMSU-A's original campus was at AHS, when it was on Hawaii St. (Classes after school hours.)
2. 1958 (our first year) enrollment was 251 with only 6 being graduates from AHS.
3. This year (2008) NMSU-A celebrates 50 years of service to our communities.
4. NMSU's original branch campuses were in Raton and Clayton.
5. Marvin Rohovec came to Alamosordo when the Clayton Branch closed.
6. The city originally wanted NMSU-A to be built across Scenic on 10th Street. That property was \$1,000 an acre, but Marvin Rohovec obtained the current property (560 acres) from the BLM for \$50 an acre.
7. NMSU-A moved to its current location in 1968. The only building was the now classroom building that was used for classes and offices.
8. 1968 brought NMSU-A 4 permanent faculty, Roger Haley, Jim Smith, Joe McKinley, and David Townsend (all of whom were over 6 feet tall!).
9. Our current Student Union Building was built in 1971 and originally housed the library and the Learning Resource Center.
10. No government funds were used until 1976 when George Fettingger obtain monies from House Bill 8. The Faculty Office Building and the Rohovec Fine Arts Center were built with a portion of these funds.
11. UNM and NMSU vied for the coveted campus spot on HAFB. UNM won the battle. NMSU-A had to settle for a "town" campus. Ironic, isn't it, who remains in the area?
12. When the IMAX and Planetarium were built, a den of rattlesnakes was exposed. The den boiled with hundreds of snakes sending the crew scattering rather quickly!
13. The sculpture of the hand holding the diploma (in front of the Administration Building) was a class project of art instructor, Dana Chodsko.
14. Our Anthropology professor, Pete Eidenbach, received a grant for a mile-long path behind the Space Hall. The path is well-marked and often traveled by tourists and local hikers.
15. NMSU-A's former Graphics Department Coordinator, Greg Mosier, made posters for several National Parks. His work can be found at Mesa Verde and White Sands National Monument, as well as gift shops around the state.
16. 34.3 percent of NMSU-A students currently enrolled are over the age of thirty.
17. 33 percent of NMSU-A students currently enrolled live outside Alamosordo.
18. The most students enrolled at NMSU-A in a single semester was Fall 1994 when there were 2330 students.
19. WEB registration is increasing annually. In Spring 2005, 26% enrolled on the WEB. In Spring 2007, 33% enrolled on the WEB.
20. One of the Title V Grants awarded to NMSU-A financed our new building. This building is the Academic Support Center. It is 3,200 square feet and houses the Writing Center, Math Lab, and offers other tutorial services.
21. Fall '07 enrollments continued to climb and exceed previous years. As of August 14, headcount was already at 2002.
22. Spring 2008 enrollments continued to soar with a final headcount of 2797. Fall 2008 enrollment will push 3000.